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UNEMPLOYED ATTACK MAYOR FOR FAILURE TO GET WORK

Typical "Klusman Show" Follows Reading of Letter From Veterans' Relief Association Charging "Loud Talk and Bluster"

After playing to small crowds for the past few meetings, Mayor Klusman reverted to his old type of "oratory" at the Tuesday night council meeting and "put on a show" that rivaled the notorious performances of the council shortly after its election. It was the same style of ludicrous official behaviour which has given Torrance so much unpleasant publicity throughout the state.

Stinging from a sharp rebuke from the Veterans' Relief Association in which the organization of the unemployed blamed the "loud talk and bluster" of the mayor

in his contacts with county officials for the failure of county officials to hire Torrance men, Klusman arose and in his characteristic manner denied all accusations. He shouted that the letter signed by H. W. Beach, manager of the Veterans' Relief, was "purely political." The letter is published in another column of this page.

Klusman attempted to pass up the matter without further discussion, but Councilmen Conner and Ludlow asked that the matter be further discussed. Ludlow said he would like to know if the council could be of any help in getting local men employed on county projects, and referred to the small number of local men who have been employed on the health center and Fern street school.

Conner praised the work of the Veterans' Relief Association and stated that "there must be something to it"—apparently meaning the protest voiced against Klusman in the letter by Beach. Conner asked if he could give any specific instances in which the mayor's attitude toward county officials had deprived local men of work. Beach said he could, and called upon J. R. Clutter to recite the instances. Clutter stated that he had gone to the reforestation department of the county in an effort to get work in Alondra Park and was told by a county official that "if your representative who came to me cannot address me as representative from other cities do, we cannot consider his request."

Klusman ruled Clutter out of order and nothing more was done about the matter.

Would Cut Pay

Later in the meeting, Klusman gave an impassioned plea for the unemployed and proposed that the firemen's and policemen's pay be cut to \$100 per month and the money spent for the unemployed. Judge C. T. Rippey, president of the City Employees Association, stated that city employees were contributing 3 1/2 per cent of their salary to the Veterans' Relief Association and that the city employees had already advanced \$275. He reminded the council that even if the firemen and policemen were reduced to \$100 per month, that there would scarcely be enough money saved to give each of the 400 unemployed men \$1 a month. Rippey explained that by contributing to the Veterans' Relief Association, the city employees were rendering much greater aid.

Mayor Klusman objected to the discussion of this city employees' 3 1/2 per cent contribution as he did not consider it "city business." Other councilmen disagreed with Klusman and praised the city employees for their generosity.

Attacks C. of C.

Klusman then launched into a long criticism of the Chamber of Commerce, reading excerpts from the auditor's report, in which the auditors claimed money had been spent for projects not permitted under the state law.

Finance Officer Ludlow explained that he and other members of the council were familiar with the auditor's report and that steps had been taken to see that whenever money is spent that it is expended legally.

Councilman Wright reminded Mayor Klusman that the present council had paid the same auditing firm out of misappropriated funds and that Klusman had signed the warrant.

Klusman said he didn't know if he would start action or not, but before action could be started, the report had to be read. He stated that as he had read the report, any citizen could start action.

Former Pastor of L. A. Church Coming Sunday

Dr. Elmer Helms to Address Congregation at M. E. Church

Sunday in the Torrance Methodist church will be a day of unique and outstanding features. The preacher at the 11 o'clock service will be Dr. Elmer E. Helms, pastor for the last 12 years of the First



DR. ELMER E. HELMS

Methodist church in Los Angeles. Dr. Helms, last Sunday, closed his pastorate in that church and is doing the Torrance church a special honor in coming here the first Sunday of his retirement. He has been for the last dozen years the outstanding leader of Methodism in Southern California, brilliant, dynamic and unique in his pulpit work. His retirement brings to a close a period of 40 years in the pastorate. So much in demand is he, that he has at the present time engagements enough to fill every night for three years hence.

Toy Hospital Is Ready to Start

Broken or Unused Toys Are Wanted at Santa Claus' Local Headquarters

"Time is here when we must begin to think about helping Santa Claus," says the Central Brotherhood. "In a recent issue of the Herald, mention was made of this fact and future information promised."

"The Brotherhood of Central church is now ready to begin activities in the Toy Hospital, and are ready to receive any contributions in the line of old toys or similar articles. All toys will be repaired for distribution under the direction of Santa Claus December 24th. This is a worthy cause and strictly a community proposition, everything received is kept for distribution in Torrance proper together with the Shoe String Strip and annexed territory, so if you have any broken or discarded toys, please let the hospital have them."

"If anyone should have anything of the above nature please leave them at the following places: Central church, Marcellina avenue; Fire Station, or the American Legion Hall, or call any of the following numbers and someone will call and pick up the article: Phone numbers, 151, 72-W or 34-J. "A help in this line will be a great boost toward someone's happiness at Christmas."

Vets' Canning Crew Sets New Record

With the end of yesterday's work, the canning crew of the Veterans' Relief Association had completed 8000 cans of tomatoes, peaches and pears, put up for winter use in Torrance. The crew rested a bit yesterday after filling 507 cans, which constitutes a new record for the season. Another shipment is expected this week-end, and the crew expects to have 10,000 cans ready for use in a short time.

Night School Attendance Still Low, Classes May Close Oct. 14

The next two weeks will tell the story of the Torrance evening high school. The story to be told will be the continued existence or the closing of this important adjunct to the educational life of this city. An increased enrollment gratified the evening high school principal, Guy L. Mowry last week, but the attendance in many of the classes is still below the deadline.

Sewing, machine and woodshop, English, mathematics and physical training are far below the required number needed to maintain these classes. Unless an immediate improvement is shown it will be necessary to close these classes, and possibly the entire school, as there is no assurance that the board of education will consent to maintain the institution with only a few of the classes functioning. "It is up to the people of Torrance to maintain this school," said Mr. Mowry. "The opportunity is there to receive instruction. The small enrollment fee of \$3.00 should not be permitted to stand in the way of a prospective pupil who will no doubt gain many times its value in education and training in manual arts."

Veterans' Letter Blames Klusman for Hindering Relief To Unemployed

The following letter was read at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night, and sets forth the Veterans' Relief Association's attitude toward Mayor Klusman:

"The Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Torrance: "It is said that the meek shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, but when the meek get hungry and their children do likewise, their meekness changes into angry desperation. "The unemployed in our city want to know why the L. A. county officials are dumping charity labor on our county projects in the Torrance environs. "It has been brought to our attention that our biggest difficulty lies with the man who contacts the county officials. They resent loud talk and bluster on the part of the man who is sent out by our city council to represent our unemployed. The county officials are gentlemen and expect to be addressed as such. The other thing brings us ridicule just as the one-ring circus at our each recurring council session brings Torrance ridicule over the whole state. "The Veterans' Relief Association of Torrance has fought to keep out of politics so far, but when a politician so conducts himself as to spoil the chances of our unemployed men for remunerative jobs then our hat is in the ring and we are ready to strike hard and straight. "We have listened to the propagation of hatred and personal spite long enough. We thought the hatchet was buried but it seems the handle still protrudes and we have grabbed hold of it. "We want you gentlemen to act and act quickly. We want an intelligent man to represent us wherever he is most needed to the end that jobs on county projects shall be given to Torrance men on an equitable basis with alien county indigents. We have enough indigents right here in our confines. "The only interest our Hon. Mayor has shown in the Veterans' Relief Association is to try to intervene in a case of the most flagrant example of vagrancy with which we have had to contend. This case was placed before Judge Rippey for action and handled to our complete satisfaction. Why should the head of our city government concern himself at all in our affairs? "Why should he be allowed to denounce a man in public council meeting, a man who is fighting day and night for unemployment relief in Welteria? "Why has he been allowed by his witless accusations to strike at the best friend this city ever had: Dr. G. A. R. Steiner? "May God have mercy on Mr. Klusman's conscience and misguided works! "VETERANS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION, "By H. W. BEACH, Manager."

Benefit Dance at Mandarin Ballroom Saturday Evening

A dance sponsored by the Veterans' Relief Association will be held at Mandarin ballroom, Redondo Beach, Saturday evening, October 8. Funds derived from the sale of tickets will be used to start a scrip system of payment for workers registered at headquarters. Tickets for the dance may be secured from Legionnaires or at the ticket headquarters, Baker Smith's Jewelry Store, 1321 Sartori avenue. The purchase of a 50-cent ticket entitles a couple to checking privileges, use of loges and an entire evening of dancing. An electric telephon mantel clock will be given to some purchaser of an admission ticket.

City Board Approves Street Work Plans

Preliminary plans for street improvements at the Fern avenue school in Torrance were approved by the board of education at its regular meeting last Monday evening, September 26. The work will cost \$15150.

The plans provide for new curbs and sidewalks at the frontage of the school site, and improvements to the roadway with rock and oil, as well as surfacing. The plans were drawn under the supervision of the business manager of the board.

Ogden Mills Speaks For Hoover-Curtis Ticket Monday Nite

Ogden L. Mills, secretary of the treasury in President Hoover's cabinet, will speak for the Hoover-Curtis ticket at a Republican rally to be held in Los Angeles next Monday evening at the Trinity auditorium, 847 South Grand avenue, in that city. Expected to be one of the principal Republican gatherings of the campaign in Southern California, the Mills meeting will have Conrad Nagel, film star, as its master of ceremonies. Louis B. Mayer, newly elected chairman of the Republican state central committee, will preside and the speaker of the evening will be introduced by Joseph Scott, Los Angeles attorney, who delivered the nominating speech for Mr. Hoover at the Chicago G. O. P. convention.

New Manager Named For Woolworth Store

E. L. Emenegger has been appointed manager of the F. W. Woolworth store in Torrance, succeeding J. C. van Benthusen, who has been transferred to the management of the company's store at Alhambra. Mr. Emenegger has been assistant manager of the Whittier store and his assignment as manager of the Torrance store is also a promotion.

ADDITION TO NARBONNE HIGH TO BE BUILT

Sale of School Bonds Provides Funds For Much Needed Expansion

Additions to the boys' and girls' physical education buildings and additional classrooms are to be provided at the Narbonne high school. It was announced today by the Los Angeles Board of Education following the sale of \$1,536,000 in school bonds to the Bank of America. The new building is to cost \$84,000, and the type of architecture in the other buildings is to be followed out in the new structure. Plans are practically completed and bids are scheduled to be taken soon.

Plans for the new building were drawn last year, but owing to the lack of funds for the purpose the building was delayed. Since the recent sale of bonds, all plans for proposed school buildings are being rechecked and those communities whose schools have increased in enrollment will most likely be the favored ones. Narbonne has had an unprecedented increase in enrollment, and as the school was badly crowded last year, the present conditions make the building of a new addition almost mandatory.

25 Streets Are Given New Names

South Torrance and McDonald Tract Street Names Are Changed to Numbers

A number of street names in South Torrance and the McDonald Tract were authorized by the Torrance city council Tuesday evening, in order to conform to the county planning commission's street naming committee's recommendations. The changes adopted in South Torrance are:

Old Name	New Name
Madera St.	227th St.
Fir St.	229th St.
Pepper St.	230th St.
Palm St.	231st St.
Acacia St.	233rd St.
Pine St.	235th St.
Elgin St.	236th St.
Cherry St.	237th St.
Chestnut street, between Walnut and Narbonne, becomes	238th St.
street, and Chestnut street, west of Narbonne, is now called	239th street.

McDonald and Meadow Park in the McDonald Tract and Meadow Park Tracts the following street name changes were adopted:

Old Name	New Name
Alles Ave.	226th St.
McDonald St.	230th St.
Second St.	234th St.
First St.	235th St.
Center St.	236th St.
Fulton St.	238th St.
Alhambra St.	240th St.
Walnut St.	242nd St.
Railroad St.	244th St.
Palm Ave.	244th St.
San Pedro St.	247th St.
Cherry Ave.	168th St.
La Fresa Ave.	171st St.
Strawberry St.	174th St.
Electric St.	182nd St.
Brook St.	186th St.

Beach Disabled As Result of Fall

H. W. Beach, manager at the Veterans' Relief Association, had to leave the headquarters Wednesday after an accident which left him temporarily disabled. Mr. Beach has been suffering from a broken metatarsal arch which required him to use a crutch. The crutch slipped and let his weight down on the disabled foot, and the severe pain caused him to collapse. Mr. Beach was removed to his home, but will be able to return to duty after a few days' rest.

Hoover-Curtis Club to Be Organized

A preliminary meeting to arrange for the organization of a Hoover-Curtis club in Torrance was held at the Sam Levy building on Cravens avenue Tuesday evening. Headquarters will be opened up in a few days, where the supporters of the Republican nominees may sign up as members of the new organization.

Campaign Issues to Be Debated at Keystone Meeting

Chamber of Commerce Challenges Study Club to Discussion

Thomas Cowan, past president of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce, and prominent Democrat of Keystone, who recently challenged the Republican Women's Study Club of Dominguez Township to a debate on the issues in the coming presidential election, received the answer to his challenge on Monday morning of this week, and will provide a speaker to meet in debate the evening of October 7 at 8 o'clock at Booster hall, Keystone, Jay C. Hamil, Los Angeles business man. Mr. Hamil has announced his willingness to take on any Democratic speaker, including MeAdoo or Franklin D. Roosevelt himself.

The topic for debate will be, "Resolved, that the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt to the presidency would be a detriment to the interests of the average citizen." Mr. Hamil will speak in the affirmative.

Miss Dorothy Shuler, daughter of Bob Shuler of Los Angeles, will sing. Mayor Porter has been invited to attend. Councilman A. E. Henning and Attorney Ben Hill of San Pedro, candidates for congress and assembly, respectively, will appear in their own behalf.

The main address of the evening will be given by Honorable Samuel H. Piles, former United States senator from the state of Washington, who will talk on issues in the coming presidential election. The former senator is said to be an excellent speaker and knows national conditions from the ground up.

Preceding the debate, a reception will be given at 7:30 o'clock for Mrs. W. W. Green, past president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, now in charge of the Women's Southern Division in the state of California in the Republican campaign. Mrs. Green will also speak.

Preparations are being made for a record crowd by the sponsors of the meeting, women of the Republican Study Club of Dominguez Township.

Ardis Waidelich Injured In Auto Crash Tuesday

Ardis Waidelich, daughter of Prof. Waidelich, principal of Torrance high school, was painfully injured Tuesday afternoon in an automobile accident in Westwood. Just before assembly following the noon recess, Prof. Waidelich was summoned to a Santa Monica emergency hospital, where he found his daughter unconscious.

According to Prof. Waidelich, his daughter, Ardis, who is a freshman at U. C. L. A., and Marjorie Goodhue, another student, were backing a car out of a driveway on Levering avenue, when their car was struck by a car driven by Burton Froom, also a student at U. C. L. A. The girls' car was turned completely around by the impact and both girls were thrown through the car door, breaking off its hinges. Both girls were unconscious for some time. Miss Waidelich sustained bad bruises on her head and body, as well as minor scratches. While she is suffering from shock, an examination disclosed no serious injuries. Burton Froom, driver of the other car, was not injured.

Six New Babies at M. E. Center

At the September meeting of the Mothers' Educational Center, held September 23 at the Woman's clubhouse, 26 babies registered for inspection. Of these six were newcomers, Jean Marie Hammack, Patricia Semenez, Howard Intermill, Jessie Louise Quigley, Douglas Don Collins and Margaret Ann Vonderhale. The meetings of the Mothers' Educational Center are now held on the fourth Friday of each month.

Dog Suspected of Rabies Is Killed

Torrance police were called to 2624 Carson street Tuesday to dispose of a dog which was reported to be acting in a manner to indicate rabies. The dog was killed and the head of the animal was sent to the county health department for examination.

RELIEF NEEDS MORE MEN TO HARVEST CROP

Veterans Relief Sends New Crew to Beaumont Orchards

Five new men were sent to Beaumont to work in the apple orchards from the Veterans' Relief Association last week, and more volunteers are wanted for this class of work, to provide a relief crew when the first workers return to Torrance this week-end. Food and shelter are provided for the apple pickers, who are expected to furnish their own bedding. Their families will be provided for by the association during their absence. The crews will be changed about once in ten days, the work to continue until the crop is harvested.

Through the efforts of the manager and a local merchant of Torrance 200 gallons of gasoline was obtained from the county, and the same amount will be furnished each week for the present. The Soule Steel Company has donated a pump and tank which have been set up back of the association headquarters. A strict check on the use of this gas is kept, as all has to be accounted for to the county food administrator, on a basis of mileage and quantity of provisions hauled.

The association moved its office headquarters yesterday to the rooms in the building on Cravens avenue formerly occupied by the Chevrolet sales agency. Arrangements have been made to have three separate offices here, so that the different departments, management, accounting, etc., may have some sort of privacy and freedom from interruptions. The warehouse will remain in its present location. Canning operations are carried on in the former Chevrolet garage. Experiments are now being made to find a cheap and successful method of drying fruits. Apples will be the principal commodity to be saved in this way.

Arrangements have been made with Garden Grove to exchange products for smoked fish. The Garden Grove outfit is provided with a smoke house, where mackerel and other suitable fish are prepared in this way.

As yet no solution has been reached of the problem to transfer potatoes from Stockton to this section. Last week an effort was made to secure a car from the Southern Pacific railway to bring a load of potatoes, but the effort was not successful. Further efforts are being made to secure free transportation, either from the railroad, or a steamship company.

Plans to secure a large truck, which has been offered to the association at a very low price, are being worked on. The advantage to the association in the use of one large truck which can carry several times the amount of produce that smaller trucks can haul, at the same expense of gasoline, is considerable.

Many Register At Clerk's Office For Coming Election

Late yesterday afternoon 65 voters had registered under the Democratic banner in Torrance since the reopening of the registration books on September 1. Thirty declared themselves as Republican, two socialist, two prohibition, and one declined to state. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, who has charge of the books, will be at his office until 9 o'clock tonight to take care of those who want to register. All voters who have changed their residence during the past few weeks must register again if they wish to vote on November 8.

JIPPED!

Councilman Earl Conner, who is also a member of the County Democratic Central Committee, says he was jipped last week by his Republican friends. Earl accepted an invitation to the jubilation dinner at the Biltmore over the success of the R. F. C. loan to the Metropolitan Water District, and after paying his dollar for the dinner, he had to listen to an hour's talk by Secretary Wilbur and other leading Republicans on what Mr. Hoover had done for California. Earl should have known better. Earl, and besides, what's a Democrat doing eating at the Biltmore.